

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of: |) | Customer No.: 49442 |
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| Wolfgang Staehle, et al. |) | Confirmation No.: 9140 |
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| Application No.: 10/577,033 |) | Group Art Unit: 1624 |
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| Filed: April 24, 2006 |) | Examiner: Noble E. Jarrell |

For: BENZIMIDAZOLES (As amended)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 23, 2008

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the rejections made in the Final Office Action in view of the amendments and argumentation set forth herein. Please note that the three months due date for filing of the response to the Final Office Action was June 21, 2008. However, since June 21, 2008 was a Saturday, this response filed on Monday, June 23, 2008 is timely, and therefore, it is believed that no fees are required to be paid with this paper. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3380, referencing Attorney Docket No. 978725.8/MPG-P0007.